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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior the examination of the application on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1,

line 20,

after "our" insert --published--.

Page 8,

line 26,

after "in" insert --published --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1.

line 4

delete "characterised in that" and substitute therefor

--wherein--.

Claim 3,

line 1,

delete "or claim 2".

in that] claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the vibration exciter is coupled to the panel-form member to span a plurality of nodal lines in the panel-form member.

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